Sale of spurious drugs in Delhi

2282. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "The Counterfeit Menace" which appeared in the Times of India (New Delhi), dated the 16th July, 2001;

(b) if so, the details of spurious drugs being sold in the National Capital Territory of Delhi (NCT) through chemists;

(c) the details of fake and spurious drugs seized in the NCT of Delhi during the last one year;

(d) whether Government have taken any action against manufacturers of fake drugs and chemists for marketing of these drugs; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) As per the feedback given by the State Licensing Authority, Government of NCT, Delhi, details of spurious drugs detected in Delhi during the year 2000-2001 together with the action taken given in the Statement (*See* below).

Further, the Delhi Police and officers of Delhi Drugs Control Department, Government of NCT, Delhi have recently jointly unearthed and detected an inter-State spurious drug racket clandestinely manufacturing, selling and distributing fake medicines. The police have seized huge stock of drugs from their possession of different brands of medicines including antibiotics, antipyretics and analgesics, vitamins, anti-TB drugs and two brands of Ayurvedic preparations. Delhi Police have so far arrested six persons in this connection.

Statement

Details of spurious drugs detected during 2000-2001 and action taken

S. No.	Sample taken on/Name of D.I. & File no.	Details of Spurious drugs	Name and address of the person/ firm from whom sample drawn	Reasons of failing	Action Taken
1.	19.06.2000 Mr. P. Arivazhagan 19 (277)/2000-2001	Combiflam Tabs. B.No. 319395 purported to be mfd. By M/s Hoechst Marion Roussel Ltd., Bangalore-560058.	M/s Tushir Medicos, 55-A Railway Road, Narela Delhi	Identification Negative for Ibuprofen	Under Investigation
2.	19.06.2000 Mr. P. Arivazhagan 19 (278)/2000-2001	Erythromycin Estolate Tabs. I.P. (Althrocin-250) B.No. 89525, purported to be mfd. by M/s Pan Pharma Panalay- 389350. Distt. Panchamahal, Gujarat.	—do—	Identification Negative for Erythromycin Estolate.	Under Investigation
3.	19.06.2000 Mr. P. Arivazhagan 19 (279)/2000-2001	Cephalaxin Caps. I.P. (Phexin Caps.) B.No. U- 610 purported to be mfd. by M/s Capsulations Services Ltd., Mumbai-08	—do—	Identification Negative for Cephalexin	Under Investigation
4.	19.06.2000 Mr. P. Arivazhagan 19 (546)/2000-2001	Spasmalgon Tabs. B.No. 030599 purported to be mfd. by M/s. Pharmachin Bulgaria	Mr. Chander Prakash Marwah, Person Incharge/Tenant of Shri Prahlad Singh Godown No. 1256/1 Vill. & P.O.Nangal Dewat, N. Delhi-37	Identification Negative for Metamizol	Prosecution launched on 26.06.2001

Use of Liver Extracts in Pharmaceutical preparations

2283. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the use of liver extracts in pharmaceutical preparations is allowed but the use of Haemoglobin has been banned;